

✓ Page 8, line 22 change "the flanking region." to -- one of the flanking regions --.

✓ Page 8, line 38 change "identified" to -- selected for --.

✓ Page 9, line 25 change "instability it is designed to maintain the" to -- instability. --.

✓ Page 9, line 26 delete "plasmid."

✓ Page 19, line 32 change "0os" to -- Pos --.

✓ Page 20, line 10 change "PO8" to -- Pos --.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Cancel Claim 1 and replace with new Claim 22.

a' ~~--22. A method for the production of a protease at least substantially free of native protease, said method comprising:  
growing a Bacillus strain host containing an expression cassette comprising a DNA sequence encoding a protease other than a protease native to said host, wherein said host is incapable of producing said native protease.--.~~

✓ Claim 2, line 1, change "1" to --21--. *should be 22?*

a2 ~~3. (amended) The method according to Claim [1]22, wherein said [first] DNA sequence [is a wild-type] encodes a mutant protease [gene].~~

~~4. (amended) The method according to Claim [1]22, wherein said Bacillus strain is a derivative of Bacillus novo species PB92.~~

✓ Claim 5, line 1, change "1" to --22--.

~~6. (amended) The method according to Claim 5, wherein [said first DNA sequence] the gene encoding said native protease has been deleted by homologous or illegitimate recombination.~~

~~7. (amended) The method according to Claim [1]22, wherein a plasmid comprises said [second] DNA sequence.~~

a3 ~~8. (amended) The method according to Claim 7, wherein said [protease is] DNA sequence encodes a high alkaline protease.~~

~~9. (amended) The method according to Claim 8, wherein said high alkaline protease is a [mutation] mutant of a wild-type high alkaline protease having an amino acid sequence at~~